REMARKS

Claim 16 was rejected under Section 102 based on Degnbol. Degnbol is a system for enabling a user to know when other buddies are in sufficiently close proximity.

Claim 16 calls for receiving character set independent information about a participant in an ad hoc wireless network and automatically transmitting that information to other participants in the ad hoc wireless network.
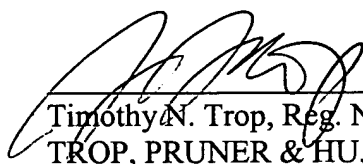
Degnbol does no automatic transmitting of character set independent information about participants. The office action cites page 5, lines 25-34. There it talks about a user interface. It suggests that the interface could be implemented using alerts, instructions, and commands. It suggests that interactions, including submitting and changing buddy lists, may be carried out. However, there is no suggestion that the character set independent information is transmitted to anybody, much less other participants in the network. Moreover, there is no indication that this is done automatically.

The point in Degnbol is simply to notify the user when other participants are nearby. There is no suggestion that their profiles be exchanged. For example, on page 19, lines 6-12, there is an embodiment in which personal profiles are compared, but note that the personal profiles are never exchanged. Instead, a text message is sent when there is a match, indicating to the users that they have matched the personal profile of another user.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 16, its dependent claims and the other similarly positioned pending claims, is respectfully requested.

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